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- In a letter, written by the DAHA-Metall in Berlin to Major Grishayev of the Soviet Control Commission, Berlin-Karlshorst, K8penicker Allee, it is stated that there will be no more deliveries of laminated steel wire (Lamellenbandstahl) ordered by the DDR from Sweden because the Swedes have placed an embargo on the export of such wire having a thickness of less than 10 mm in late September 1950. Since this embargo hits orders placed by the DDR on behalf of the USSR, DAHA-Metall requested Promsyrdimport to intervene in order to obtain the laminated steel wire. Attempts on part of the DAHA to obtain laminated steel wire known to be at the Drahtwebstuhlbau, Neustadt/-Orla were unsuccessful. Orders for wire with a thickness of 45 mm and 55 mm placed for the latter firm were likewise cancelled. The DAHA and Fritz Brünning, representative of the Schweden-Import, Leipzig, through whom the orders were placed, state that the laminated steel wire is needed for the production of woven metal cloth.

reported the import into the Russian Zone of 1,000 kg of laminated steel wire through Promsyrdimport.

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